

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 8, 2005. Claims 19 to 25 are in the application, with Claims 1 to 18 having been canceled and new Claims 19 to 25 having been added. Claims 19, 23, 24 and 25 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,959,318 (Tso) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,615,212 (Dutta). As Claims 1 to 18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

The present invention concerns transcoding performed in accordance with characteristics related to a user terminal, these characteristics being received upon request for starting a communication with the server.

Turning to the claims, Claim 19 is directed to a server for providing a document via network. The server comprises means for receiving characteristics related to a user terminal upon request for starting a communication; means for determining an order of processing for a transcoding of documents according to frequency of access to the documents; means for transcoding, in accordance with the characteristics related to the user terminal, the documents based on said determined order before receiving a request for access to a document; means for reading out the transcoded document upon reception of the request for access to said document; and means for sending the document read out to the user terminal.

In contrast, Tso discloses that the communication between a client and a server, of which the priority is considered to be low based on the characteristics of the

communication, is disconnected. Further Tso only discloses that an URL list is created from a requested Web page in order to preliminarily call up an URL for a proxy server. However, Tso fails to disclose or suggest receiving characteristics related to a user terminal upon request for starting a communication with the server as featured in Claim 19.

Furthermore, Claim 19 features transcoding of documents according to a frequency of access to the documents where the transcoding is in accordance with the characteristics related to the user terminal and based on said determined order before receiving a request for access to a document. However, Tso only discloses the use of user preferences, such as language, as disclosed at column 9, lines 8 to 11 of Tso.

In addition, Dutta only discloses that when a request for transcoding of a content of a first format into a content of a second format is made and in the case where the transcoding efficiency of a client is higher than that of a server, the server sends the content of the first format to the client where the transcoding is then performed. Thus, in Dutta, the criterion for transcoding decision is the "increase of efficiency" and not in accordance with the characteristics related to the user terminal as featured in Claim 19, wherein the transcoding is applied by using the characteristics acquired from an initial access request.

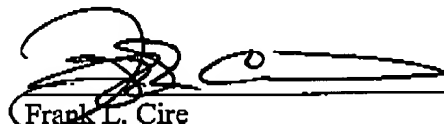
In light of the deficiencies of Tso and Dutta as discussed above, Applicants submit that new independent Claim 19 is in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

New Claims 23, 24 and 25 are directed to a method, a computer program stored on a computer readable medium and a method, respectively, substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 19. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 23, 24 and 25 are also in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

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